

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue (Disaster Management) Department – **Declaration of the Drought** – Drought exists during the South –West Monsoon – 2023 (Kharif) in 103 Mandals i.e., 80 Mandals as Severe Drought affected and 23 Mandals as Moderate Drought Affected in Seven (7) Districts - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (DISASTER MANAGEMENT.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.4,

Dated: 31.10.2023
Read the Following: -

1. G.O.Ms.No.3, Revenue (DM.II) Department, dated.10.10.2023.
2. Letter No.2206293/Rev.(DM.II)/A1/2023, dated.17.10.2023.
3. Proposals received from the District Collectors of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, ASR, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalle, Kakinada, DR BR Ambedkar Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla, Palnadu, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore, Kurnool, Nadyal, Ananthapuramu, Sri Satyasai, YSR, Annamayya, Chittoor and Tirupati.
4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on Drought held on 25/10/2023.

ORDER :

During the period from 01.06.20203 to 30.09.2023 of South West Monsoon the cumulative average rainfall received in the State is 487.2 mm as against the Normal of 574.7 mm which shows deviation of (-) 15.2 %.

2. As per the revised Manual for Drought Management – 2016, the proposals for declaration of Drought Mandals should be examined with reference to the following guidelines for Drought Kharif and the District Collectors sent specific reports to the Government, taking Mandal as unit:

Season Drought (Kharif): Season drought for Kharif 2023 may be considered during the month of June, July, August and September by taking into consideration of Mandatory and Impact Indicators.

Step: 1

Mandatory Indicators, Viz. Rainfall deviation or SPI with Dry Spell will be considered as per Matrix shown below to assess if the first drought trigger is set off.

Matrix for rainfall deviation and dry spells (Trigger -1)

RF deviation / SPI	Dry Spell	Drought Trigger
Deficit or Scanty RF/SPI <-1	Yes	Yes
Deficit or Scanty RF/SPI <-1	No	Yes, if rainfall is scanty or SPI<-1.5, else No
Normal RF/SPI >-1	Yes	Yes
Normal RF/SPI >-1	No	No

Step: 2

In the event that the first drought trigger is set off in Step 1, the impact indicators will be examined as per the following matrix:

Matrix for impact indictors (Trigger 2)

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Mandatory Indicator		Impact Indicators				Category of Drought
Rainfall Indices		Agriculture	Remote Sensing	Soil Moisture	Hydrology	
Rainfall Deviation or SPI	Dry Spell	Crop Area Sown	VCI or NDVI & NDWI deviations	PASM/MAI	SFI/RSI/GWDI	

It may consider any three out of four types of the impact indicators (one from each) for assessment of drought.

Explanation:

The intensity of the drought will be contingent upon the values of at least three out of four impact indicators Viz. Agriculture, Remote Sensing, Soil Moisture and Hydrology in the following manner.

- Severe Drought: If at least two of the selected 3 impact indicators are in 'Severe' category and one is in 'Moderate' category.
- Moderate Drought: If at least two of the selected 3 impact indicators are in 'Moderate' category.
- Normal: for all other cases.
- Trigger 2 will be set off in the event of a finding of Severe or Moderate drought.
- The State has an option to reduce the drought category by one rank (i.e. Severe to Moderate) if the irrigation percentage of the administrative region (District/Taluk/Block/Mandal) for which drought is being declared is more than 75%.
- However, in such a situation of reduction of drought intensity from 'Moderate' to 'Normal', the State Government will still be required to conduct field verification as prescribed in Step 3 below.

Step:3

In the event that Trigger 2 is set off, the district level officials concern have to conduct sample survey for Ground Truthing. The finding of field verification exercise will be the final basis for judging the intensity of drought as Severe or Moderate.

3. A meeting of the Committee on Drought constituted vide G.O 1st read above to scrutinize the proposals submitted by the District Collectors for declaration of Drought affected Mandals held on 25.10.2023, the Committee have examined in detail the proposals received from the District Collectors of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Sitharamaraju, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, NTR, Krishna, Guntur, Bapatla, Palnadu, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore, Kurnool, Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Sri Satya Sai, YSR, Annamayya, Chittoor and Tirupati for declaration of Drought affected Mandals in Kharif - 2023 with reference to the guidelines prescribed by Government of India revised manual for Drought Management-2016 and also recommended to the Government that 103 Mandals as Drought affected – 80 mandals categorized as Severe Drought and 23 Mandal as Moderate Drought - in Seven (7) Districts i.e. NTR, Nandyal, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya, Kurnool, Chittoor and Ananthapuramu.

4. Government after careful examination of the reports furnished by the District Collectors in the reference 3rd read above, and recommendations of the Committee on Drought in the reference 4th read above it is decided to issue a Notification (ANNEXURE-1) for declaration of 103 Mandals (as in the Annexure-II) as Drought affected – 80 Mandals categorized as Severe Drought and 23 Mandal as Moderate Drought - in Seven (7) Districts i.e., NTR (2 Moderate), Nandyal (5 Severe & 1 Moderate), Sri Satya Sai (7 Severe & 14 Moderate), Annamayya (16 Severe & 2 Moderate), Kurnool (22 Severe & 2 Moderate), Chittoor (2 Severe & 2 Moderate) and Ananthapuramu (28 Severe) during Kharif 2023.

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5. The District Collectors concerned shall ensure deletion of the notified municipal/urban areas and areas falling under permanent assured irrigation sources. Urban Mandals which are not declared as drought affected, shall be treated on par with drought affected Mandals for the purpose of drinking water. The District Collectors concerned shall issue the notification in the District Gazette as mentioned in Annexure-I & II in Telugu and take immediate further necessary action.

6. The Commissioner and Director of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), Andhra Pradesh shall publish the notification in the extra-ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated.31.10.2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (DM)

To

The District Collectors of NTR, Nandyal, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya, Kurnool, Chittoor and Ananthapuramu.

The District Treasury Officers concerned.

The Commissioner & Director of Printing Stationery & Stores Purchase, A.P. Vijayawada.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture & Cooperation Department.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P.

The Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P.

The Secretary to Government, Planning Department.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department.

The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P, Guntur.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry Dairy Development & Fisheries Dept.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, MA & UD Department.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, PR & RD Department.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, RWS & S Department.

The Prl.Secretary to Government, Women Development & Child Welfare Deptt.

The Director Vice Chairman, APSAC, Vijayawada.

The Director, Central Research Institute for Dry Land Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad.

The Director of IMD, Vijayawada.

The Director, Agro Climate Research Centre Agriculture Research Institute, ANGRAU.

The Director of Economics & Statistics, A.P, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner of I&PR Dept. with a request to issue press note to electronic and print media.

The Commissioner, Civil Supplies, Vijayawada.

The Special Commissioner, Agriculture, A.P, Guntur.

The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P, Guntur.

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P.

The Commissioner, Rural Development.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj Department.

The Commissioner & Director of School Education.

The Commissioner & Director of Intermediate Education.

The Commissioner, Higher Education.

The Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation.

The Managing Director, APTRANSCO.

The Director, Animal Husbandry, A.P.

The Director, Health Department, A.P.

The Director, State Audit.

The Director, Groundwater, Department.

The Chief Executive Officer, APSDPS.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply, A.P.

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Copy to:

All the Spl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries in the CM's Office.
The Accountant General, A.P. Vijayawada.
The Education Department.
The Energy Department.
The Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department.
The PR&RD (RWS.I, II, III & RD.I, II, III) Department.
The Managing Director, APCOB.
The Finance (FMU-Rev-IC) Department.
The Convener, A.P. State Level Banker's Committee, Andhra Bank, Saifabad, Hyd.
The Managing Director, NABARD, Hyderabad.
The General Administration (Cabinet) Department.
The P.S to Dy. CM (Home & DM)
The P.S. to Dy CM. (Revenue)
The P.S. to Minister (Finance).
The P.S. to Minister (Agriculture)
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Revenue (DM Accounts. I) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The P.S. to Director, Disaster Management & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary to Government.
The Managing Director, APSDMA, Kunchanapalli, Guntur District.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//


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ANNEXURE-I

(G.O. Ms. No.4, REVENUE (DM.II) DEPT, dt.31.10.2023)

NOTIFICATION

In the circumstances reported by the respective District Collectors, the Government hereby declare that Drought exists during the South –West Monsoon – 2023 (Drought Kharif) in 103 Mandals - Severe Drought in 80 mandals and Moderate Drought in 23 mandal – in Seven (7) Districts annexed to this order as per the guidelines prescribed by Government of India revised manual for Drought Management - 2016. The concerned District Collectors shall take necessary further action and notify the specific Mandals/specific areas in the Mandal in the District Gazette to enable farmers to avail credit facilities and to take up relief operations. The District Collectors concerned shall ensure deletion of the notified Municipal/Urban areas and areas falling under permanent assured irrigation sources from drought affected Mandals and only for the purpose of drinking water, these shall be treated on par with drought affected Mandals.

The District Collectors concerned are requested to furnish (10) copies of the District Gazette Notification to the Government.

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ANNEXURE-II**DECLARED AS DROUGHT AFFECTED MANDALS
(G.O.Ms.No.4, REVENUE (DM.II) DEPT., dt.31.10.2023)**

(1) NTR District				
Continuous Sl.No	Sl.No.	Severe	Sl.No.	Moderate
1			1	Gampalagudem
2			2	Tiruvuru
(2) KURNOOL District				
3	1	Alur		
4	2	Aspari		
5	3	C.Belagal		
6	4	Chippagiri		
7	5	Devanakonda		
8	6	Gonegandla		
9	7	Gudur		
10	8	Halaharvi		
11	9	Holagunda		
12	10	Kallur		
13	11	Kodumur		
14	12	Kosigi		
15	13	Kowthalam		
16	14	Kurnool Urban		
17	15	Maddikera		
18	16	Mantralayam		
19	17	Nandavaram		
20	18	Orvakal		
21	19	Pattikonda		
22	20	PeddaKadubur		
23	21	Veldurthy		
24	22	Yemmiganur		
25			23	Adoni
26			24	Krishnagiri
(3) NANDYAL District				
27	1	Banaganapelli		
28	2	Midthur		
29	3	Pagidyala		
30	4	Gadivemula		
31	5	Bethamcherla		
32			6	Panyam
(4) ANANTHAPURAMU District				
33	1	D.Hirehal		
34	2	Rayadurg		
35	3	Kanekal		
36	4	Vidapanakal		
37	5	Guntakal		
38	6	Gooty		
39	7	Peddavaduguru		
40	8	Yadiki		
41	9	Tadipatri		
42	10	Peddapappur		
43	11	Pamidi		
44	12	Vajrakarur		
45	13	Uravakonda		

46	14	Gummagatta		
47	15	Brahmasamudram		
48	16	Kalyanadurg		
49	17	Atmakur		
50	18	Kudair		
51	19	Garladinne		
52	20	Singanamala		
53	21	Putlur		
54	22	Narpala		
55	23	B.K.Samudram		
56	24	Anantapur		
57	25	Rapthadu		
58	26	Settur		
59	27	Kundurpi		
60	28	Kambadur		
(5) SRI SATYA SAI District				
61	1	Nambula Pula Kunta		
62	2	Madakasira		
63	3	Amarapuram		
64	4	Gudibanda		
65	5	Rolla		
66	6	Agali		
67	7	Parigi		
68			8	Kanaganipalli
69			9	Dharmavaram
70			10	Bathalapalli
71			11	Tadimarri
72			12	Mudigubba
73			13	Talupula
74			14	Bukkapatnam
75			15	Kothacheruvu
76			16	Roddam
77			17	Gorantla
78			18	Somandepalli
79			19	Hindupur
80			20	Lepakshi
81			21	Chilamathur
(6) ANNAMAYYA District				
82	1	Galiveedu		
83	2	Chinamandem		
84	3	Rayachoti		
85	4	Lakkireddipalle		
86	5	Ramapuram		
87	6	Gurramkonda		
88	7	Kalakada		
89	8	Kambhamvaripalle		
90	9	Pileru		
91	10	T.Sundepalle		
92	11	Veeraballe		
93	12	Thamballapalle		
94	13	Pedamandyam		
95	14	Kurabalakota		
96	15	Pedda Thippasamudram		
97	16	Beerongi Kothakota		
98			17	Nandaluru
99			18	Penagalur

(7) CHITTOOR District				
100	1	Palamaner		
101	2	Ramakuppam		
102			3	Rompicherla
103			4	Gangavaram

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